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- The following fast trains run to Brest (\$ 53/11 87) on a daily schedule: (1)
 - D 2, Berlin Brest, leaves Frankfurt/Oder 12:46 p.m.
 - D 1, Brest Be lin, arrives frankfurt/Oder 6:50 a.m. (the "Blue Express" for Soviet soldiers going on leave)
 - RU 42, Frankfurt/Oder Brest, leaves 4 ρ.m.
 - RU 41, Brest Frankfurt/Oder, arrives 3:32 p.m.
 - a. During heavy traffic in these directions the Soviet Control Commission will order the running of two additional trains, RU $42~\Lambda$ and RU $41~\Lambda$.
- 2. Until the end of March, Soviet trains RU 42 and RU 41 were operated by Column 1, stationed in Frankfurt/Oder. German personnel and German locomotives of the Ol series were employed for this traffic.

After the transfer of Soviet Column No. 42 from Karlshorst (N 53/Z 94) to Brest the two RW trains are scheduled to be operated by the Soviet column. In connection with change of procedure, the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station has been ordered to deliver the locomotives of Column No 1 to the Soviets. These locomotives are going to be stationed at Brest, which means that Frankfurt/Oder will lose its last locomotives of the Ol series, and fast train locomotives will no longer be available.(2) 25X1A

Comment:

(1) The organization of Soviet personnel traffic between the

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Soviet Zone of Germany and the Soviet Union via the transfer point of Brest is confirmed by various reports.

(2) The transfer of all poviet passenger traffic to Soviet Column No.42, which was transferred to Brest, appears credible.(3) The locamotives of the DI series are heavy duty passenger train locamotives particularly suited for fast trains. It remains to be seen whether the deactivation of locamotive Column No.1 will also affect the personnel of this column or whether it will be restricted to the transfer of locamotives. It is also still undetermined whether or not the reported measure will be the beginning of a reorganization or reduction in the number of German locamotive columns operating for the Soviets.(4)

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